

1 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2 RESOLUTION ~~01-22~~  
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH  
5 FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CREATING THE SOUTH  
6 FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD'S  
7 WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING AN  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE  
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10 WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board  
11 ("Governing Board") desires stakeholder input on critical water resource issues, projects  
12 and programs affecting south Florida; and  
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14 WHEREAS, numerous organizations and interests are committed to the  
15 restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem and providing for a strong economy  
16 and the South Florida Water Management District has been directed by the Florida  
17 Legislature to manage and protect the functions of entire ecosystems while meeting the  
18 water related needs of the region in a balanced manner; and  
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20 WHEREAS, it is vital to all residents and visitors to this state that the use of our  
21 land, water, and other resources within south Florida assure a healthy environment and  
22 economy; and  
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24 WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for an advisory body with representation  
25 of all interests that have participated or are interested in water resource issues,  
26 including the further development and implementation of the Comprehensive  
27 Everglades Restoration Plan and Regional Water Supply Plans and that can provide  
28 recommendations to the Governing Board on these and related matters and help to  
29 reconcile differences among stakeholder interests; and  
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31 WHEREAS, critical water resource issues, projects and programs affect all of  
32 south Florida's citizens; and  
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34 WHEREAS, there is a need for practical recommendations to the Governing  
35 Board and to help reconcile differences among stakeholder interests; now therefore

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2       **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA**  
3 **WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:**  
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5 **Section 1.** The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board's Water  
6 Resources Advisory Commission ("Commission") is hereby created.  
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8 **Section 2.** The Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the Governing Board,  
9 and as a forum for improving public participation and decision-making in water resource  
10 issues affecting south Florida by:

11       1. working to build consensus among and within the public and private  
12 sectors regarding water resource activities impacting south Florida, including the further  
13 development and implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan  
14 and Regional Water Supply Plans,

15       2. examining the effects of continued population growth, development and  
16 agriculture on south Florida's natural resources,

17       3. assisting in developing actions that are needed to restore, preserve, and  
18 protect the greater south Florida ecosystem while providing for other water-related  
19 needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection, and

20       4. assisting in promoting and monitoring the implementation of its  
21 consensus-based recommendations to the Governing Board.  
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23 **Section 3.** The Commission shall carry out the following tasks:

24       1. Serve as a forum for coordinating information on the status of the  
25 numerous efforts under way to study, restore, manage, protect, and preserve south  
26 Florida's water resources.

27       2. Serve as a forum for consensus building among the interests represented  
28 on the Commission on a variety of water resource issues, projects and/or programs.

29       3. Identify opportunities for enhancing coordination in the approaches being  
30 taken to studying, restoring, managing, preserving and protecting south Florida's water  
31 resources among those federal, state, and regional agencies, local governments, task  
32 forces, private and non-private organizations, and other parties that either have



jurisdiction within south Florida or otherwise are involved in efforts impacting or benefiting south Florida's water resources.

4. Solicit and provide opportunities for public input on key issues involved in establishing and sustaining a healthy ecosystem and economy into the future.

5. Recommend strategies and actions for:

a. Improving coordination and eliminating duplicative efforts among governments, agencies, task forces, and other organizations;

b. Increasing understanding of the workings of south Florida's water resources, and the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project;

c. Restoring, managing, protecting, and preserving south Florida's natural resources including the greater Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades ecosystem;

d. Promoting sustainable and environmentally compatible urban and agricultural development that supports healthy ecosystems;

e. Enhancing the public's understanding of the necessity for both preserving and restoring natural resources and supporting sustainable urban and agricultural development; and

f. Allocating and reserving water resources needed for the environment and all beneficial uses.

6. Identify and evaluate critical water resource issues, and prepare practical recommendations for timely resolution.

7. Evaluate and monitor implementation of regional water supply plans.

8. Evaluate and monitor CERP implementation and other Everglades restoration initiatives.

#### **Section 4.** Status Reporting.

The Commission shall provide the Governing Board with monthly status reports on its activity. The status report shall include meeting minutes, tasks undertaken during the previous period, and a work plan listing objectives for the future reporting period. The Commission shall develop an initial Priority Plan ("PP".) The PP is to be updated quarterly and submitted for review and concurrence at the regularly scheduled Governing Board monthly meeting. The PP shall include, but not be limited to, a listing

1 of specific issues, programs and/or projects which shall be the focus of the  
2 Commission's deliberations in the following quarter. The Commission may submit  
3 additional reports and amendments and updates to previous reports as necessary to  
4 meet its charge.

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6 **Section 5.** Membership.

7 The Commission members, which shall reflect the diversity of the overall south Florida  
8 community, shall include balanced and appropriate representation from the following  
9 six (6) classifications:

- 10 1. the south Florida business community,
- 11 2. water supply utilities,
- 12 3. agriculture,
- 13 4. public interest groups,
- 14 5. local government, and
- 15 6. environmental organizations

16 and one representative from each of the following agencies / governments:

- 17 1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
- 18 2. U. S. Department of the Interior,
- 19 3. U. S. Environmental Protection Agency,
- 20 4. Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
- 21 5. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
- 22 6. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,
- 23 7. Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida,
- 24 8. Seminole Tribe of Florida, and
- 25 9. other state / regional agencies as deemed necessary by the Governing  
26 Board.

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28 **Section 6.** Appointments.

29 The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governing Board. Each  
30 Governing Board member shall appoint 2 Commission members. In addition, the  
31 Governing Board Chair shall select an appropriate number of Commission members to  
32 ensure balanced representation among the six (6) classifications set forth in Section 5



1 above. The Governing Board Chair's selections shall be subject to ratification by the  
2 Governing Board. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be selected by the  
3 Governing Board Chair. Commission members shall serve two-year terms. A member  
4 may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms of office. The Governing Board shall fill  
5 vacancies on the Commission as necessary. If a member has been appointed to serve  
6 as a representative of an entity named in this resolution, failure to maintain that  
7 employment or membership may constitute cause for removal by the Governing Board  
8 Chair or, at the discretion of the Chair, by vote of the Governing Board.

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10 The Commission may request the creation of one or more technical committees by the  
11 Governing Board to assist with preparing technical information and briefings for the  
12 Commission. The Commission may request the creation of one or more subcommittees  
13 by the Governing Board to focus on sub-regional or local issues.

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15 **Section 7.** Meetings

16 The Commission shall meet on a regular basis as necessary to complete the tasks set  
17 out in the mission of the Commission in accordance with the PP. The Commission shall  
18 also meet upon the call of the Governing Board chairperson or as directed by vote of  
19 the Governing Board. If a Commission member is absent more than two consecutive  
20 meetings without good cause such absences may be cause for removal by the  
21 Governing Board.

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23 **Section 8.** Staff support.

24 A reasonable and appropriate level of technical staff support to the Commission shall be  
25 provided. A reasonable and appropriate level of administrative staff support shall be  
26 provided by Governing Board Operations staff.

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28 **Section 9.** Miscellaneous

29 The Governing Board reserves the right to appoint either a paid or unpaid facilitator to  
30 assist the Commission in resolving issues or in their deliberations.

1 Commission members shall not receive remuneration for their services. However,  
2 Commission members shall be reimbursed for travel and expenses in accordance with  
3 Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, for attendance at Commission meetings, to the extent  
4 funds are available for this purpose. Public officers and employees shall be reimbursed  
5 by their respective agencies in accordance with the same policy (Chapter 112, F.S.)  
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7 Commission members and members of any technical committee or subcommittee  
8 created by the Governing Board upon request from the Commission, shall be subject to  
9 the applicable provisions of Chapter 286, F.S., Government in the Sunshine Law, Part  
10 III, Chapter 112, F.S., Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and Chapter  
11 119, Public Records.

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13 **Section 10.** This resolution shall constitute the Commission's charter and shall take  
14 effect immediately upon adoption.

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16 **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.

17 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT  
18 DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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27 Assistant Secretary

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By: Nicholas J. Gutierrez Jr.

Chairman

Approved as to form:

By: John J. Fumero

John J. Fumero, General Counsel



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2 RESOLUTION NO. 01- 33  
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH  
5 FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AMENDING  
6 RESOLUTION 01-22 ADDING THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND  
7 ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AS A MEMBER  
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9 WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board  
10 ("Governing Board") adopted Resolution 01-22 creating the South Florida Water  
11 Management District Governing Board's Water Resources Advisory Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Resolution 01-22 established the membership of the Water  
13 Resources Advisory Commission, including representatives from enumerated agencies  
14 / governments ; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration would be a  
16 valuable member of the Water Resources Advisory Commission but was not included;  
17 now therefore

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
19 WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

20 Section 5 of Resolution 01-22 is amended to include one representative from the  
21 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the list of agency / government  
22 representatives.

23 PASSED and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

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25 DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD  
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34 Assistant Secretary

By:   
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